Missing of Punjab armed police river rafting team in USA

3253. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether six members of Punjab Armed Police (PAP) river rafting team who went to USA are missing since long;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to seek the help of US Government to trace these missing PAP personnel; and

(c) whether it is the first such instance which has happened or such similar incidents happened earlier also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) The information is being collected from our Mission/Posts in the USA and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Cut in UNO contribution by Japan

3254. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Japan has decided to curtail its current contribution to UNO because of the opposition from US and China to bid by G-4 Brazil, Germany, Japan and India, being considered for permanent membership of Security Council; and

(b) if so, whether any such type of implicit diplomatic demeanour is also being thought of by India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) India is not aware of any decision on the part of Japan to curtail their current contribution to the United Nations. However, during the current session of the United Nations General Assembly, Japan has raised the issue of contributions.

(b) India is a founder member of the United Nations and has always met her contribution obligations to the United Nations as assessed.

Assistance to earthquake victims of Pakistan

†3255. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has provided a large quantity of material as assistance to Pakistan for the earthquake victims;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.